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Dear Commissioners:

This letter is to acknowledge the support and enthusiasm of the Lawrence Arts Center for the application by the City of Lawrence for the National Endowment of the Arts Mayor's Design Initiative Grant.

Since 1975, the Lawrence Arts Center has been central to the creative vision for our city. The Arts Center's mission is to enrich the lives of individuals and the community by nurturing a love for the arts. A part of our role is to act as a unifying leader for the many local arts organization and artists who are the reason we are sometimes know as a 'city of the arts.' We believe that Lawrence is ready to design an arts district, and we would like to offer our leadership in pursuing the funding the Mayors' Design Initiative Grant would offer.

The Lawrence Arts Center commits to working with the Cultural Arts Commission to locate the matching funds, in the form of in-kind marketing, printing, use of retail space, volunteer labor, Arts Center rental space and employee time.

In addition, the Arts Center will oversee the administration of the project, work with an house the Arts- Administrator who will direct the design on our Arts District, work to connect all arts and cultural entities in the community of Lawrence, and collaborate with the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission. We will host a conference for all interested municipalities in the Midwest who will be interested in following Lawrence's model for designing an Arts District.

Sincerely,

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